

# Rep. John Aguilera

**Dear Friends,**

The 114th Indiana General Assembly began its work January 4. Our main responsibility will be crafting a new two-year state budget, but we will consider a number of other important measures as well. I expect a lively debate and exchange of ideas over the next few months until we adjourn in late April.

I will continue to work on issues important to families across Indiana, and I hope we can build on some of the advances we have made over the past few years. You can be assured that I will look out for the best interests of our district.

I hope you will complete the survey included in this newsletter. I also encourage you to visit my web site at [www.in.gov/H12](http://www.in.gov/H12) to add your name to my email list to receive updates on the activities of the legislature.

Please continue to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns about state government.

**Volunteering for the Page Program**

Serving as a page allows any student age 13 or older the opportunity to gain a firsthand glimpse of how the legislative system works. Students will be excused from school on the day they are serving as a page. Interested students should call my office at 800-382-9842 with two dates when they could come to the Statehouse between January and April. Please apply as soon as possible as space is limited.

## Making Life Better for Hoosiers

We have worked hard to make positive gains for Hoosier families over the past two years. Those efforts resulted in expansion of property tax relief, creation of a task force to battle meth use, tightening of predatory lending laws, improvements to child automobile safety, and strengthening our economy through the Energize Indiana program.

During the upcoming legislative session, I will work diligently to ensure that Hoosier families and small businesses remain a legislative priority. We must strive for access to affordable health care and prescription drugs, the creation of good-paying jobs while keeping existing ones here in Indiana, and a more efficient government with a less burdensome tax system.

The Center for Policy Alternatives (CPA) has awarded me a fellowship to participate in the 2005 class of the Flemming Leadership Institute. The CPA is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit, national organization designed to strengthen the capacity of state legislators to lead and achieve progressive change. I am honored to be named a Flemming Leadership Institute Fellow. I will be joining a prestigious group of state representatives and state senators who are considered to be up- and-coming leaders in their respective states. It is humbling to be one of the 35 legislators chosen from across the country to attend the two retreats and the 2005 Summit on the States held next December in Washington, D.C.



## 2005 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

The following questions are based on issues that we may discuss during the upcoming legislative session. They are not necessarily a reflection of my opinion on a particular issue.

I value your thoughts, and I hope you will take time to complete the survey and return it to me by mail or online at [www.in.gov/H12](http://www.in.gov/H12). Two sets of answers are provided so a second person of your household may respond.

1. During the 2005 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly will pass a two-year state budget. What should be the Legislature's top priority in writing a new state budget?

A. Education B. Health care C. Tax relief for Hoosiers D. Job creation E. Balancing the budget
2. Should corporations that outsource jobs to other countries be required to repay communities and the state for tax breaks they have received?

☐yes ☐no
3. Would you support an increase in state gasoline tax, with all revenue dedicated toward local road projects?

☐yes ☐no
4. Do you believe toll roads should be sold to a private entity to raise funds for the state of Indiana (similar to the Chicago Skyway)?

☐yes ☐no
5. Should township government be eliminated in Indiana?

☐yes ☐no
6. Should local units of government have the authority to enact local option taxes to pay for tax relief and critical services?

☐yes ☐no
7. Do you support legislation that would make permanent the two percent cap on Lake County property taxes implemented by former Governor Kernan?

☐yes ☐no

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- ✓ Lower prescription drug prices
- ✓ Permanent cap on property taxes
- ✓ Affordable health insurance
- ✓ Streamlined, efficient government
- ✓ End outsourcing of Indiana jobs
- ✓ Simpler, less burdensome tax system



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